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| Filing Date | 02 April 2001 |
| First Named Inventor | Singh |
| Art Unit | 1637 |
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- iii. Other _____

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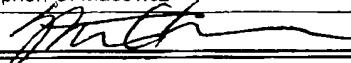
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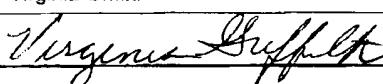
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Serial No: 09/825,244

Examiner: **J. Tung**

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Art Unit: **1637**For: SETS OF GENERALIZED TARGET-
BINDING E-TAG PROBES**AMENDMENT under 37 CFR 1.116**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 2 January 2003, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 23 and 29 and replace the indicated claims with the following amended claims:

21. (Amended) A probe set for detecting the presence or absence of one or more target compounds, the probe set comprising a plurality of electrophoretic probes selected from the group defined by the formula: